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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed February 25, 2007, Applicants request that the following amendments be entered and the following remarks be considered. This response is filed timely since the period for reply to the Office Action ends on Sunday, May 25, 2008, and Monday, May 26, 2008 was a federal holiday in the District of Columbia.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.